PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application

Lehmann

Case Docket 9524 (Divisional of Serial No. 09/381,248, filed September 14, 1999)

For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMBINED PREPARATIONS CONTAINING ERYTHROPOIETIN AND IRON PREPARATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Nutley, New Jersey 07110 October 23, 2001

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above application, please make the following amendments.

In the Title:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

-- Method for Treating Disturbances in Iron Metabolism Using a Combination of Erythropoietin and Iron --

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence: